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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF MAY 5, 2006

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the specification beginning on page 7;

Amendments to the drawings beginning on page 10; and

Remarks beginning on page 11 of this paper.